



An Daras Trust
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities

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Agenda
An Daras Multi-Academy Trust Members
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 12 noon at ADMAT Central Office

1. **Welcome and Apologies** (Chair)
Chair of the Board to chair the meeting
In attendance: Jo Callow (CEO)
2. **Declarations of Interest/Pecuniary Interests Relevant to this Agenda** (TM)
Including annual submissions of declarations
3. **Approve Previous Minutes from General Meeting (12th March 2025)** (Chair)
Contact the NGA consultant to find out why the Members were not consulted as part of the ERG and possibly make a recommendation to the NGA regarding this matter (TM). *NGA consultant contacted. Not speaking to the Members is not a standard feature of their approach. The decision to focus on the trust board was based on the trust situation and the focus of the review (driven by RDD's office and the trust). The consultant felt that as the Members meet twice a year and provide challenge as demonstrated in the minutes, that it was not a priority to speak with them. The trust expansion and the change in local governance arrangements to governor hubs led him to focus on these 2 layers of governance for this review.*

Members to agree and Chair to sign copy.
4. **Confidential Agenda Items** (Chair)
Nominate any items to be included in the confidential minutes.
5. **Presentation of Accounts** (TM)
The year end audit accounts as at 31 Aug 2023 were presented to the Members at the General Meeting on 12th March 2024 – see minutes from this meeting.
6. **Appoint External Auditor 2025** (TM)
Recommendation for external auditor for autumn 2026. The Board considered all the options; all three can do the job, one is far too expensive and one we have used for x years now, with a good working relationship. The Board feel it would prudent to change and given how tight the finances are, strong consideration must be given to the cost. Griffin provided the cheapest quote and are suitable, but they are currently the internal auditor, so that will need to change next year, if they are appointed as external auditor.

The Board recommend to the Members to appoint Griffin as the external auditors for the 2025-2026 audit. This is based on cost and that it is prudent to change auditors from time to time.

7. **Brief An Daras MAT Strategic Update (JC)**
CEO appointment
Update on standards and Ofsted inspections
Risks and current challenges
Trust Improvement – key areas
8. **Any other Business (All)**
Brief matters of notification only
Point from TM
9. **Date of Next Meeting (TM)**
General Meeting on 4th March 2026 at 12 noon in the central office/hybrid [this will include presentation of 24-25 accounts].

The meeting is scheduled to last approximately 1 hour.

TJH Martin
ADMAT Governance Officer

Distribution List:

Chris Marshall – Member
Richard Watson – Member
Eden (Represented by Sue Lockwood) – Member
Askel Veur (Represented by Clare Kendle) – Member
Steve Tavener – Chair Board of Directors & Member
Jo Callow – CEO & Director